

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1198 - SB 1679

March 5, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Deletes the requirement that hearings on forfeiture warrants be conducted ex parte. Requires such hearings to be held within five working days following the filing of the sworn affidavit and authorizes the owner of the property to be heard during the hearing.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

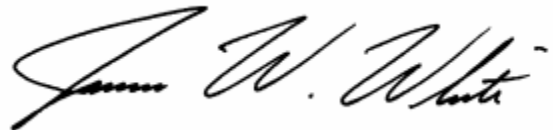
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Local governments will incur additional costs regarding the hearing notification to owners. Such increase is estimated to be not significant.
- This legislation could increase the amount of time necessary to conduct hearings on forfeiture warrants however any increase in expenditures for the state trial courts is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly distinguishable.

James W. White, Executive Director